

## House Resolution 1422

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Stephenson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office and DeKalb County Police Department  
2 and observing April 20, 2008, as a day of recognition; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,000 law enforcement officers employed by DeKalb  
4 County who are dedicated to protecting the lives and well being of its citizens and preserving  
5 the peace in DeKalb County's communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheriff Tom Brown is commended for his outstanding performance in  
7 managing the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, which includes the DeKalb County jail,  
8 safety and security of all court proceedings, and protecting the citizens of DeKalb County  
9 with its fugitive squad and SWAT teams; and

10 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chief Terrell Bolton, the DeKalb Police Department has  
11 established a model for protecting its citizens with the "Road to Success Action Plan" which  
12 will enhance services to the community into the next decade; and

13 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Police Department's philosophy of "interactive community  
14 policing" is a proactive approach to solving crime problems throughout the county; and

15 WHEREAS, DeKalb County and the entire state mourned the loss of DeKalb Police Officers  
16 Ricky Bryant, Jr., and Eric Barker, who lost their lives while working an off-duty security  
17 job in DeKalb; and

18 WHEREAS, DeKalb County's law enforcement personnel are commended for their quick  
19 response in the apprehension of the suspect involved in these tragic shootings; and

20 WHEREAS, the members of Christian Jubilee Full Word Baptist Church, under the  
21 leadership of Reverend Portia Minter, are to be commended for their efforts to honor DeKalb  
22 County's brave law enforcement officers.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 this body commends the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office and the DeKalb County Police  
3 Department for their work in serving the citizens of DeKalb County and this state and  
4 declares April 20, 2008, as a day of recognition for their outstanding service.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the DeKalb County Sheriff's  
7 Office and the DeKalb County Police Department.